

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 217.6, the Department of Human Services proposes to rescind Chapter 169, “Funding for Empowerment Areas,” Iowa Administrative Code.

In 2010, the Iowa Legislature transitioned the Community Empowerment Initiative to the Early Childhood Iowa Initiative. In 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 446, section 16(8), the Iowa Legislature changed the funding source for the early childhood funds from federal funds to state funds. The proposed amendment rescinds Chapter 169 because the rules are no longer relevant, based on the funding source change from federal funds to state funds in the Health and Human Services appropriation. The Early Childhood Iowa State Board rather than the Department has the authority to set policy and promulgate administrative rules for the early childhood funds that are distributed to Early Childhood Iowa areas (see 249—Chapter 1). In addition, the Early Childhood Iowa State Board currently sets policy and promulgates administrative rules for the school ready funds (state funding source) distributed to Early Childhood Iowa areas.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before February 25, 2014. Comments should be directed to Harry Rossander, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by e-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations because requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 256I.11(4).

The following amendment is proposed.

Rescind and reserve **441—Chapter 169**.